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SUBJ CANADIAN NOTE REGARDING U.S.-JAPANESE FISHERY ARRANGEMENTS

1. EXTAFF (LEGAL OPERATIONS) INFORMED EMBASSY LATE JANUARY 17 THAT NOTE WOULD PROBABLY BE DELIVERED TO EMBASSY ON JANUARY 20 REGARDING CANADIAN INTEREST IN U.S.-JAPANESE FISHERY ARRANGEMENTS IN AREAS OFF THE CANADIAN COAST. EXTAFF OFFICIAL STATED THAT NOTE DID NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRE REPLY. HE ADDED THAT CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN NOTE HAD APPLICATION TO HALIBUT COMMISSION MEETING IN VANCOUVER WHICH WAS TO CONVENE IN VANCOUVER ON JANUARY 20. FULL TEXT (EXCEPT COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING) OF NOTE FLO-97, DATED JANUARY 17, FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE REPORT OF THE CONSULTATION HELD NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 13, 1974 BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN REGARD TO CERTAIN FISHERY PROBLEMS. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD REFER PARTICULARLY TO STATEMENT NUMBER 7 ON PAGE 7 OF THE REPORT WHICH READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

"THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE ... STATED FURTHER THAT THE ANNUAL JAPANESE CATCH OF PACIFIC OCEAN
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PERCH AND OTHER ROCKFISH IN THE VANCOUVER AREA

(50 DEGREES 30'N - 47 DEGREES 30'N) WILL NOT EXCEED 1,350 METRIC TONS IN 1975 AND 1976."

THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO REFER PARTICULARLY TO STATEMENT NUMBER 11 ON PAGE 9 OF THE REPORT WHICH READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

"THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS BY TRAWL VESSELS OF JAPAN IN 1975 AND 1976 WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED... IN THE AREA BETWEEN 54 DEGREES 00'N AND 51 DEGREES 00'N FROM JANUARY 1 TO THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY INCLUSIVE."

THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOTED THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JAPAN REGARDING FISHERIES IN THESE AREAS OFF THE CANADIAN COAST. CANADA, AS THE ADJACENT COASTAL STATE, HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THESE AREAS AND APPRECIATES ALL EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THEIR LIVING RESOURCES.

THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH RESPECT TO AREAS ADJACENT TO ITS OWN COASTS, WHICH WERE THE PRIMARY SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JAPAN. HOWEVER, AS THE DISCUSSIONS ALSO TOUCHED UPON AREAS ADJACENT TO THE CANADIAN COAST, THE SPECIAL INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY IN WHICH APPERTAIN TO CANADA, THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT THE RELATED CONSULTATION WITH JAPAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN THROUGH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, WITH UNITED STATES' PARTICIPATION AS REQUIRED. THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES TRUST THAT, IN VIEW OF THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF BOTH CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN EXTENSIONS OF NATIONAL FISHERIES JURISDICTION, AND THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES BY EITHER COUNTRY WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF THE RESPECTIVE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COASTAL STATES CONCERNED. IN PARTICULAR, THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT EFFORTS TO PROTECT FISHERIES FROM THIRD PARTIES IN BOUNDARY AREAS CANNOT PREJUDICE THE EVENTUAL LOCATION OF BOUNDARIES TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

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